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SUBJ: EPMG CONDEMNS EGYPTIAN NAVAL EXERCISES

1. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA APRIL 22-23 PROMINENTLY CARRIED STATE-
MENT FROM MININFO CLAIMING THREE-DAY NAVAL EXERCISES IN
RED SEA THIS WEEK BY EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES CLEARLY
DIRECTED AGAINST ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND UNITY. EPMG
APPARENTLY PROMPTED BY ANNOUNCEMENT IN CAIRO ON
THURSDAY OF NAVAL EXERCISES UNDER SUPERVISION OF
EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER ABDUL GHANI GAMASSI WHICH
ALLEGEDLY FOLLOW SIMILAR AIR FORCE MANEUVERS.

2. EPMG SPOKESMAN STATED EXERCISES ON SUCH LARGE SCALE
CAN ONLY BE PRECLUDED BY REACTIONARY ARAB REGIEMES IN
AREA TO CONVERT PEACEFUL RED SEA INTO REGION OF
CONFLICT TO SERVE INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL
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IMPERIALISM. EXERCISES ALSO PRELIMINARY MOVE TO
ESCALATE NIMEIRY'S OPEN ARMED INTERVENTION IN
ETHIOPIA WHICH ALREADY HAS FULL MILITARY SUPPORT OF
REACTIONARY EGYPTIAN REGIEME.

3. SPOKESMAN CONTINUED BY NOTING EVIDENCE EXISTED TO
SUPPORT CONCLUSION THAT EGYPTIANS SUPPORTING SUDAN.

AFTER INDICATING PEACEFUL INTENT OF EPMG AS ESTABLISHED BY PROGRAM OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION, SPOKESMAN SCORED NIMEIRY'S PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ERITREAN SEPARATISTS AND EDU IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF OAU AND UN CHARTERS, AS WELL AS SIGNING OF MILITARY PACT BETWEEN EGYPT, SUDAN AND SYRIA UNDER AUSPICES OF SAUDI MONARCHY AND "PATRONAGE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM".

4. SPOKESMAN CITED RECENT VISIT BY SADAT TO WASHINGTON AS EVIDENCE SUPPORTING CONSPIRACY, NOTING THAT BOTH SADAT AND AIR MARSHAL HOSNI MUBARAK HAD REPEATEDLY DECLARED EGYPTIAN TROOPS WOULD FIGHT AT NIMEIRY'S SIDE IF SUDAN INVADED AFTER RETURNING FROM WASHINGTON. ARTICLE ALSO NOTED IT COMMON KNOWLEDGE EGYPTIAN TROOPS DEPLOYED TO SUDAN IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SUDANESE OPEN ARMED INTERVENTION IN ETHIOPIA AND ITS TANK AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT FOR SECESSIONIST AND LOYALIST ELEMENTS.

ARTICLE NOTED RECENT VISIT BY HOSNI MUBARAK TO KHAROTUM AND HIS REPORTED PUBLIC WARNING THAT ATTACK ON SUDAN WOULD BE CONSIDERED ATTACK ON EGYPT. ARTICLE CITED AS FURTHER PROOF OF CONSPIRACY THAT NIMEIRY AND HOSNI MUBARAK THEN PROCEEDED TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR CONSULTATIONS.

5. COMMENT: EPMG HAS NOT DOUBT VIEWED NAVAL EXERCISES AS EGYPTIAN ESCALATION IN RED SEA AREA, A VIEW WHICH WILL FURTHER IMPACT ON ETHIOPIAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS.
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